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Title: CONTROL ROD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identification as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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AI 3. A control rod according to claim 1, **characterized** in that said inner part in at least some portion constitutes at least one-third of the width of the absorber blade.

4. A control rod according to claim 1, **characterized** in that a plurality of recesses (17, 17a, 17b, 17c, 18) are arranged in said inner part of the absorber blade.

AZ 6. A control rod according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the absorber blades comprise a plurality of radially arranged channels (13, 14) in which the absorber material is arranged,

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